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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES FROM USREP HOROWITZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ILO - 63RD CONFERENCE

1. I SUGGEST THAT IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS YOU USE OPPORTUNITY WHICH YOUR VISIT TO MEXICO PROVIDES TO DISCUSS WITH GOM THE ROLE OF GOM REPRESENTATIVES AT 63RD ILC, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THEIR CONSISTENT POSTURE OF OPPOSITION TO US REFORM EFFORTS. THIS DISCUSSION COULD TAKE PLACE AGAINST BACKGROUND THAT GOM HAS BEEN INFORMING USG FOR SEVERAL MONTHS THAT IT INTENDS TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO IMPROVE US-MEXICAN RELATIONS ON BOTH BI-LATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL ISSUES.

2. AS YOU KNOW, WHEN I VISITED MEXICO, FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHERS INDICATED DESIRE TO BE FORTHCOMING ON ILO ISSUES. WE THEREFORE HOPED THAT ROLE PLAYED BY GOM REPS AT 63RD ILC WOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THAT AT PREVIOUS ILCS, WHERE GOM HAS ACTIVELY WORKED AGAINST US. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE DISAPPOINTED. NOT ONLY DID GOM VOTE AGAINST US ON TWO KEY ISSUES (JUNE 3 - PLENARY DECISION NOT TO SEND ART. 17 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE; JUNE 20 - PLENARY FAILURE TO ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFIDENTIAL

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APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS) BUT DURING NEGOTIATIONS OF PAST FEW DAYS ON CONTENT OF REPORT OF STRUCTURE COMMITTEE, GOM REPS WERE LINED UP SOLIDLY WITH OTHER GOVT REPS OF G-77, SPECIFICALLY EGYPTIAN AND SRI LANKAN, IN TAKING "HARD-LINE, NO COMPROMISE" POSITION. THIS G-77 ATTITUDE CONTRIBUTED TO FAILURE OF STRUCTURE COMMITTEE. (GENEVA 5068).

3. I BELIEVE THIS INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN WHAT GOM
HAS STATED TO BE ITS GOAL (IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH US)
AND ITS ACTIONS ON A KEY US FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE SHOULD
BE BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION.SORENSEN

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